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## New Appointment For General Sir Brian Robertson

London, Mar. 16.—General Sir Brian Robertson, the British High Commissioner in Germany, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East Land Forces. The appointment was approved by the King.

He will be succeeded as High Commissioner by a civilian, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, Under-Secretary in charge of the German Department at the Foreign Office.

The Foreign Office and War Office announcement reporting General Robertson's appointment said that he will succeed General Sir John T. Crocker in about June. General Crocker is to be Adjutant-General of the Forces in September.

General Robertson was a Cadet at Sandhurst—Britain's famous military college—when the 1914-18 War broke out. His father was Field Marshal Sir William Robertson—the first soldier in the British Army to rise from a private to the rank of a Field Marshal.

### WITH EIGHTH ARMY

General Robertson served in the Army throughout the first World War and for some time after, but in 1933, after his father died and he succeeded to the title, he went into business as an official of the Dunlop Rubber Company in South Africa. When war broke out in 1939, General Robertson joined the South African forces. His reputation went higher and higher through the campaigns in Italian, Somaliland and Abyssinia—until in June, 1942, he



GENERAL ROBERTSON

was made Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General to Britain's crack Eighth Army. He went with the Eighth Army all the way to El Alamein. His administrative qualities were picked out again when he was made Governor of Tripoli. He built up the civilian services in this battle-torn area.

He finished the war as Field Marshal Alexander's chief administrative officer in Sicily and Italy, and was appointed Chief of Staff under Field Marshal Montgomery in 1945.

In postwar Germany he got one of the most exacting jobs that has ever faced a British military man—administering the British zone with its millions of war-shocked people and shattered cities and communications.

Tall, spare and with piercing blue eyes and fair hair, he was an authoritative and dominating personality. He dealt fairly but firmly with the Germans.

He was Britain's "No. 1 Khaki Diplomat."—*Reuter.*

## Malaya Rubber For Russia

Penang, Mar. 16.—Malaya is to send Russia some 15,000 tons of rubber this month.

One ship is loading about 8,000 tons from Malayan ports this week and another is due to take another consignment next week.

Both ships are destined for Odessa.

According to official Penang trade statistics, Russia re-entered the local rubber market last month, purchasing 1,033 tons.—*Reuter.*

## RIOTS CASUALTIES

New Delhi, Mar. 16.—A government spokesman said today that at least 600 Hindus were killed on the East Bengal railway between Jamalpur and Bahadurabad in recent rioting between Muslims and Hindus.

He added, "Travelling Hindus will not be safe on this line."—*United Press.*

## Improved Situation Permits Reduction Of HK Garrison

The military authorities consider that the situation in South China has improved sufficiently to warrant a slight reduction in Hongkong's garrison in order to meet military needs elsewhere, said the official Army spokesman this morning.

Discussing the decision to transfer the 26th Infantry Brigade from Hongkong to Malaya to help in the anti-bandit campaign there, the spokesman said the move can be regarded as a permanent one and, according to present plans, the Brigade will not be replaced by other troops.

He pointed out, however, that should the need arise, the Brigade could easily be recalled from Malaya.

No date has yet been set for the Brigade's departure, as transport facilities and arrangements for its reception in Malaya will first have to be settled. The 26th Infantry Brigade consists of the 2/6 and 2/10 Gurkha Rifles and the 1st Battalion, Camerons.

Departure of this Brigade will still leave about 28,000 troops in Hongkong.

## Seretse Khama To Be Allowed, Temporarily, To Return To His Tribe

London, Mar. 16.—Britain's Labour Government, attacked from all sides over the Seretse Khama affair, agreed today to let the exiled African go back temporarily to the Bamangwato tribe and his pregnant English wife.

It also announced that a White Paper would be published, lifting the veil from many of the reasons why Seretse, chieftain-designate of the tribe, has been banned from his home for five years.

The Commonwealth Minister, Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, told Parliament that 27-year-old Seretse would be allowed to return from London to Bechuanaland to collect evidence for a law-suit about his inheritance.

But the Government has not climbed down over the ban on Seretse, whose troubles began when his uncle, Tshekedi, former Regent of the tribe, declared a feud over his nephew's marriage to a white girl.

Tshekedi has also been exiled for five years by the Government.

The Minister, who faced hostility from a number of the

Government's own supporters, declared that the length of Seretse's stay within the Protectorate and his movements there would be kept under review by the British Government, having regard to his conduct and the interests of order and good government.

He added that it might be necessary to apply certain conditions to his return, but they would not restrict his liberty regarding his law-suit.

### TO PAY PASSAGE

The Government had also agreed to pay the cost of his air passage and a bill of legal expenses incurred from his visit to London.

Mr. Gordon-Walker said he had told Khama that arrangements would be made for him and his wife, a former London typist, Ruth Williams, to be together around the time of her confinement.

The length of his stay and his movements within the Protectorate of Bechuanaland would be kept under review by the Government, having regard to his conduct and the interest of good order and good government in the territory, he added.

A Government statement would be issued as soon as possible setting out in greater detail the facts and considerations that led the Government to its decision to withhold recognition.

Mr. Gordon-Walker, answering questions, made it clear that Seretse Khama would be allowed to return to the tribal reserve to take personal evidence for his law-suit.

### RECOGNITION WITHHELD

The Minister also said that it had been decided to withhold recognition of Seretse Khama as chief. That implied that it had not been decided to refuse recognition.

Later, when the House was discussing next week's Parliamentary business, the Liberal leader, Mr. Clement Davies,

## Harbour Tragedy: Gilman's Employee Missing

### FRUITLESS ALL NIGHT SEARCH FOR VICTIMS OF COLLISION

Mr David Fitzroy-Williams of Messrs Gilman and Company's shipping department, and Mrs Penelope Osborne, 23-year-old widow, who was en route from San Francisco to Singapore, are missing as a result of a collision in the harbour last night between the HKY Ferry Man To and a walla-walla in which Mr Fitzroy-Williams and Mrs Osborne were travelling.

Survivors of the tragedy include Mr Doyle, radio operator of the ss Steel Navigator, and three Chinese crewmen of the motor boat. One of the Chinese is in Queen Mary Hospital.

The accident occurred about 10.30 p.m. Mr Fitzroy-Williams had been aboard the Steel Navigator, which was lying at Buoy A2, to clear the ship for her passage to Singapore and then rejoined his motor boat which was alongside.

Mrs Osborne, a passenger on the Steel Navigator, and Mr Doyle, the ship's radio operator, asked to be permitted to join Mr Fitzroy-Williams in his walla-walla as they desired to go ashore.

They did so, and the motor boat left the Steel Navigator. It had just cleared the bow of the ship when, according to Mr Doyle, Mr Fitzroy-Williams shouted out "Duck!" and a moment later the motor boat was hit by the ferry Man To.

### ROOF CAVES IN

The canvas roofing of the walla-walla caved in as a result of the impact and it is believed that Mrs Osborne and Mr Fitzroy-Williams, who were sitting in the stern of the boat, were imprisoned by the collapsed roofing.

The motor boat sank immediately, but Mr Doyle and the three Chinese crewmen were fortunate enough to get clear and they were rescued by one of the sampans unloading alongside the Steel Navigator.

As soon as the Man To hit the motor boat she sounded her SOS signal and the Steel Navigator switched on a searchlight to assist in the rescue operations.

A police launch also rushed to the scene with a searchlight, but although a search was maintained all night, there was no sign of Mrs Osborne and Mr Fitzroy-Williams.

### POLICE INQUIRY

The Police conducted an inquiry last night on board the Steel Navigator and took statements from witnesses.

The ship left port at 4 o'clock this morning for Singapore.

Mr Fitzroy-Williams joined Gilman and Company after the war. He was a First Lieutenant of destroyers during the war

## Britain To Spend More On Colonies

London, Mar. 16.—Britain will spend £5,846,500 more on developing her Colonies in the next 12 months, but the grant to Malaya in aid of local revenues is cut by £2,000,000, bringing it down to £3,000,000.

This was announced today with the publication of Government estimates for the Foreign and Imperial Services in the financial year ending March 31, 1951.

The extra money for Colonial development is the biggest item in an overall increase in the services of £13,787,645. The total estimate is £80,018,849. Of this, £19,150,000 will be spent on opening up the resources of the Colonies and improving the welfare of their people.

The next largest increase is £5,443,338 for the general working of the Colonial and Middle East services, for which the total estimate is £19,455,770. The main item under this heading is £5,650,000 for war damage compensation schemes in the Far Eastern territories.

On the domestic side, Britain will step up her civil defence costs by £2,310,000 next year. The total bill for England and Wales will be £6,104,270. The cost of training civil defence workers will be down by £272,300, but grants to local authorities will be up £1,530,400.—*Reuter.*

## Untouchability An Offence

New Delhi, Mar. 16.—The government indicated today that those who continued to practice untouchability, which was abolished by India's new constitution, might soon be liable to prosecution. The announcement said: "The government is considering framing legislation prescribing punishment for offences arising from the practice of untouchability. A bill to this effect will be introduced during the current session of Parliament."—*United Press.*

## USS Missouri's Officers To Be Court Martialled

Norfolk, Virginia, Mar. 16.—General courts martial were ordered today for the Commanding Officer, the Operations Officer and the Navigator of the United States Navy's giant battleship, the Missouri, because it grounded in Chesapeake Bay on January 17.

The Missouri is the biggest warship afloat.

Admiral William M. Feensteler, the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, said that formal charges would not be made public before the courts were convened.—*Reuter.*

## BLAZE ON ROOF OF HOTEL

The Fire Brigade were called to the Great Eastern Hotel, Connaught Road Central, shortly before 9.30 o'clock this morning when a blaze was reported to have broken out on the roof. The firemen discovered that a large basket had caught alight and the flames, which gave rise to some alarm, were quickly extinguished with little damage being done to the establishment.

## EDITORIAL

### Public And The Budget

THAT the Hongkong Reform Club should call an open meeting to discuss the 1950-51 Budget is an encouraging sign that some degree of interest can yet be shown in this important subject. What remains to be seen, however, is the public response to this opportunity for expressing opinion on a question which affects, to some extent, the daily lives of the majority of the Colony's inhabitants. The Hongkong Reform Club probably has not forgotten the public apathy towards its endeavours to unearth popular opinion regarding constitutional reform, and in view of this experience, which could almost be described as humiliating, credit must be given to the Club for trying yet again to awaken public consciousness over a vital issue.

Next Tuesday's meeting is designed to obtain some representative reactions to the latest Budget; it is also a challenge to the so-called Pro Bono Publicos of Hongkong for them to demonstrate whether or not they are willing and capable of giving vent to their feelings and convictions; whether the Budget means nothing more to them than an intricate maze of figures, or whether they appreciate it as the most important piece of annual legislation introduced by Government. Budget figures taken in the mass are bewildering, but from them can be discerned a pattern of spending which may or may not be acceptable—according to the point of view. It has been stated that the prime object of the Reform Club's meeting is to explain to the public the why, hows and wherefores of revenue raising. This is useful, up to a point, but it covers only one aspect of the Budget. The other is expenditure, particularly the question of whether the Colony receives proper value for the millions of dollars which are being officially spent every year. The greatest single item in the Estimates is the administrative costs, i.e., the cost of government. Personal emoluments, HCL

allowances, pensions, accommodation for civil servants, and the customary running expenses associated with offices absorb nearly 50 percent of the total expenditure—an appallingly high proportion. A study of the detailed estimates of expenditure reveal that Government contributions to privately organised social, health, educational and recreational enterprises amount to a mere seven percent of the total Budget—and these institutions, it has to be recognised, are the principal media for catering to the Colony's social and cultural welfare. On the other hand Miscellaneous Services, which are little more than charges for non-productive services, require 18 percent of the total expenditure, roughly eight percent more than it is proposed to devote next year to Public Works non-recurring, most of which have at least the virtue of providing improvements for the benefit of the general public. The "whys, hows and wherefores" of raising revenue is, undoubtedly, an important subject, but it must be considered also in relation to the "whys, hows, wherefores" of spending that revenue after it has been raised. The Hongkong Reform Club has a wide field of inquiry, if it cares to explore it. For instance, official methods of estimating revenue as well as official proposals for garnering it. So far as revenue estimating is concerned it has long been a "by guess and by God" system with little or no confidence displayed either in divine intervention or in individual ability to assess prospects. Revenue estimates, it has been frequently shown, bear little relation to the actual intake of any one year, and invariably the explanation is that the Colony has enjoyed unexpected windfalls: yet these have a peculiar habit of persistently recurring. Some realistic revenue estimating would not come amiss, and would rapidly convert that estimated deficit for 1950-51 into a surplus which, it is quite confidently anticipated, will, in any case eventuate.

## Chinese Reds Take Mr Keswick's S'hai Houses Away From Him

Mrs Claire Keswick is wondering where she will live in Shanghai when she rejoins her husband there early next week.

Her husband, Mr John Keswick, head of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., owns the palatial houses in the Hongkiao district of Shanghai, but they have both been requisitioned by the Chinese Communist authorities to accommodate Russian advisers who are said to be pouring into China since the conclusion of the Sino-Soviet treaty.

Mrs Keswick is leaving Hongkong tomorrow by the ss General Gordon, which is expected to take away 1,600 foreign residents from China.

The day, however, will be tinged with sadness for Mrs Keswick, for she will be saying goodbye to her eight-year-old daughter, Margaret, who is returning on the same day to England by the ss Canton to continue her schooling.

Mr Keswick is at present in Tientsin but is expected to return to Shanghai in time to meet his wife. Since his two houses were requisitioned, he has taken a flat in town, it is understood.

News leaking through the Chinese "Bamboo Curtain" says the Chinese Communists have taken over 2,000 houses near Shanghai's Hongkiao airfield for the use of the Russian

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## Seen At Buckingham Palace

**WINSTON CHURCHILL**... The Voice in the darkness for a France oppressed... It was the name on the lips of the President of France, M. Vincent Auriol, at Buckingham Palace when he replied to a toast by the King at the state banquet given in his honour on March 7.

The toast was given in the ballroom. The King said in French: "I raise my glass to your health and that of Mme. Auriol, as well as to the prosperity and happiness of France."

And M. Auriol replied: "We shall not forget those long and painful hours when the whole of France, oppressed and tortured, struggled in the dark to prepare the liberation of the morrow listening to the dauntless voice of Winston Churchill hurling at the enemy the inspired defiance of a united Britain."

The man M. Auriol spoke about sat on the right-hand wing table.

Winston Churchill was one of the 100 guests at tables set out with pieces of silver gilt plate.

At the top table, from left to right, were the Duchess of Kent, the Prime Minister (Mr. Attlee), the Duchess of Gloucester, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Princess Elizabeth, M. Schuman; and then—

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The Queen, President Auriol, the King, Madame Auriol, the Duke of Gloucester, the Princess Royal, Lord Chancellor (Lord Jowitt), Lady Patricia Ramsay, the Lord President of the Council (Mr. Herbert Morrison), and the Duchess of Beaufort.

Other members of the Cabinet, including Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Minister, were there, too.

Princess Margaret was absent. She was in bed with influenza.

BOBB draws the Royal Family dresses, specially

designed to set-off the ruby-red French decoration, the Legion of Honour.

The Queen wore a crinoline gown of crisp white tulle mounted over silver tissue. The bodice and skirt were embroidered in a design of silver feathers, each feather ending in a motif of rubies to tone perfectly.

While tulle fell from her shoulders with the silver and ruby feather embroidery repeated on it. She wore a

bandeau and ornament of diamonds.

Princess Elizabeth wore a satin gown in palest green. The draped bodice was held in place by a halter collar of embroidered satin, continuing in two panels down to the floor. The embroidery was in pale green paillettes, pearls, tiny emeralds and gold.

The Princess wore diamonds and the scarlet ribbon of the Legion of Honour.

—London Express Service.

## FOR EVERY WOMAN: A Difficult Time Of Readjustment—By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

OF late years so much has been written about the so-called change of life that many women approach this unescapable episode with fear and dread.

As a matter of fact, now, though every woman goes through bodily changes at this period few suffer any disturbing symptoms because of them.

The age at which the change occurs depends on the individual. To most it comes between the ages of 40 and 45 but it may begin before 40 or even be delayed until after the age of 55.

In the vast majority of women, the regular periods taper off gradually and finally disappear entirely after two or three years. In some few women, the periods may stop abruptly.

Abnormal loss of blood may occur in the early stages of the change of life. Aside from this,

the most common symptom is hot flashes, that is, a sudden sensation of heat in the upper part of the body. This may be followed by a great deal of sweating, ending with a feeling of chilliness. These hot flashes may occur at varying intervals during the day and night.

### Symptoms

Often there also may be lack of energy, irritability, sleeplessness, numbness and tingling, fear, pain in the joints, dizziness, ringing in the ears, headache, and loss of memory.

It has been estimated that while three out of four women experience one or more of these symptoms at the time of the menopause, only few suffer them in any severity. Usually, the more active and energetic the woman, the milder the change will be.

Occasionally, the only symptoms may be tiredness and gain in weight. In such instances it is important that a basal metabolism test be made to de-

termine whether or not there is a deficiency of thyroid secretion.

### Psychologically

Psychologically there may be anxiety in many cases. If the symptoms of change are mild, as a rule no particular treatment is usually necessary other than reassurance that there is no reason for fear or worry. The use of a mild sedative or nerve-soothing preparation, such as one of the barbiturates, may be helpful.

In more severe cases, the known as estrogens, is advisable. These may be given by mouth, although in such cases the dose required is about five times as large as that when the preparations are given by injection into a muscle. Estrogens should not be used in cases where there is irregular bleeding, in women whose family history shows a tendency to cancer, in cases where there are certain types of tumours in the womb, and in those who have had a liver inflammation recently.

## Serving Two Purposes

DRESSES that look like coats, and coats that look like dresses are new and important. Good buys, too, because they serve a double purpose.

Hardly an important countess collection in California that doesn't show at least one of these good-looking coats, slim as dresses, made of wool, faille, tulle or linen. Navy is the favourite colour, though they appear, too, in all the popular suit and coat colours of the season.

Monte-Sano's collection includes a coat-dress of thin-silk French worsted in dark gray checks, belted in gun-metal leather, its sleeves with double "lampshade" flounces ending just above the wrist.

Philip Mengoni has a series of coat dresses made of a wool crepe. Fully lined, the coats are usually belted, often with inset belts. Several have bloused waist-backs made entirely of flat pleats.

Hattie Carnegie has a navy silk coat, with bold white linen collars and cuffs, which would double effectively as a dress. Concealed pockets are set in front of each folded side pleat and the curved back belt has a single centre button.

Many of the lightweight wool coat-dresses you will find in the shops have skirt-cut effect in an elongated lumber-jack manner.

### Without Danger

Estrogens cause no reactions and are without danger when properly administered under the direction of a doctor. If too much estrogen is given, excessive bleeding may occur. In these instances, what is known as progesterone, a different type of extract but also made from a part of the ovary, is used. It is administered twice daily by injection into a muscle.

The change of life is a time of readjustment, and medical guidance through this period is important, both for health and happiness.

### BALANCE



WEARING an off-the-forehead draw-bow with a roll trim, this girl balances her coaxed-out hair with a crystal-earring.

## Beauty Routine for Hands



Frequent applications of a good hand lotion are especially important if hands are thin and knuckles have become prominent. Wash first, then apply lotion.

By HELEN FOLLETT

HANDS need softening and whitening creams, as well as lotions, all the year round. They need more attention than the complexion since they are subjected to dust and grime and frequent washing means that the natural oil is removed, leaving the skin surface dry. Many women have young faces and old-looking hands. All the toilet goods have gone to the face; hands have had to get along as best they could.

Creaming is especially necessary if the hands are thin and knuckles have become prominent. A certain amount of moulding is possible. First give your hands a scrubbing with soap and a brush. It's helpful to put a little cream in the water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Spread on a heavy cream, treat each finger separately, starting at the base, thumbing to the tip, where the cream should be frictioned into the surrounding tissues to keep the nails healthy and to prevent hangnails.

Thumbing from the wrist up to the fingers, doing little circles. If the joints of the hands have become rigid do exercises while the cream remains on. Stretch the fingers wide apart, draw them into the palms of the hand with strong muscle pull. This condition may come after doing heavy house work.

Perspiring hands are a common trouble. This condition comes usually to the woman who is tense, inclined to be nervous or self-conscious. At cosmetic counters one will find remedies for excessive skin moisture.

When signing up for the merry evenings about to zip yourself into your dress, it is a nice idea to put a little vanishing cream on the backs of your hands.

Discolourations, unless they are in the form of moth patches or perennial freckles, will disappear if laved once a week with a lotion made by combining equal parts of peroxide and lemon juice.

**Let's Eat**  
BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

"SPRING is here," remarked the Chef. "I saw those pretty little green good luck plants at the florists."

"You mean shamrocks. They're for St. Patrick's Day," I said. "It's a fine thing to give a party."

"A party!" said the Chef. "Shall we make something special?"

"A dessert tray would be nice," I suggested.

"We have the serving table on wheels in the kitchen," went on the Chef. "It has three shelves. On the bottom we'll arrange the cakes; on the middle shelf, I will put the French pastries, and on the top shelf we will have the glasses. I mean the ice creams, such as the Neapolitan pudding, the Coupe Jacques, the bombe glace."

"Now, just a minute, my dear Chef. This is not a pre-war reception at one of your Parisian salons on the avenue of the Bois de Boulogne. This is just a little simple party that any homemaker might give, or that a career girl can carry out. Bridge or games first, with a little music if someone can play those beautiful Irish ballads, then a dessert tray for refreshment."

### Simple Desserts

The Chef refused to be disappointed. "Then perhaps we can have three simple desserts—let us say, a nice cake—a hot steamed pudding or a lime chiffon pie, and a refreshing fruit cup."

"That's more like it, and those suggestions can be carried out without spending too much time or overstretching the budget."

"The desserts can be arranged on a big tray. Even an ordinary kitchen tray can be made very attractive, covered with lace paper doilies."

The Chef recovered his enthusiasm. "I will decorate each dessert with a touch of green for the day of St. Patrick."

### Lime Chiffon Pie

Bake a plain piecrust or Graham cracker pie shell. Then make the filling. To do this, make up 1 box prepared lime gelatin according to directions on the package, but use 1 c. water. Cook when beginning to thicken, fold in 1 c. well-drained crushed pineapple and ½ c. cream or evaporated milk whipped stiff. Spoon into the piecrust shell. Chill until firm, about 4 hrs. Border with extra whipped cream, and decorate with "shamrocks," made with shining green candles arranged in clusters of threes.

**Trick of the Chef**

To make little olive pigs to decorate hot dishes, or salads for St. Patrick's Day, use very large green olives for the bodies, toothpicks for legs, bits of cucumber stuck on with a toothpick for snouts.

**Package Frosting**

"And if more convenient the icing can be made from a packaged frosting, the kind to which you just add water, then stir."

"For a hot dessert I would suggest the little steamed date pudding served with your foamy sauce, Madame."

"And for guests who are reducing, let's plan one of your 'fine fruit cups,' Monsieur," I suggested.



# NEW X-RAY APPARATUS AT 6TH RADIOLOGY CONGRESS

The International Congress of Radiology, which takes place in London this year, is an event of major importance to X-ray specialists—and indeed to all medical men—throughout the world. Normally held at three-yearly intervals, each time in a different country, it is now 13 years since the last Congress was held—in Chicago in 1937.

## Rats To Get Poison Oats, No Coffee

The condemned rats of Hawaii's Kona coast will be served 7,000 pounds of rolled oats and no coffee for their last meal.

The rats probably would order coffee if they had their choice, but the territorial legislature is paying the bill for the meal and it says definitely not.

For years the caffeine-addicted rodents of the "big island" have feasted on the islands' third biggest export crop. Kona coffee growers say the damage runs between \$100,000 and \$200,000 annually.

## BEANS IN DEMAND

The growers need the beans because U. S. coffee handlers use all they can to blend with other products.

This year Kona growers expect slightly under \$2,000,000 for the coffee, which tastes like the savoury Brazilian bean.

Why the rolled oats? Rats are a wily lot, according to the coffee farmers. A few poisoned beans might catch the more reckless rodents but their brothers would catch on quickly.

## POISON TO BE ADDED

So feeding stations will be set up throughout the plantations, about four to six for each acre of cultivated land. Out-fitted pans will be placed at the edge of wasteland or stone piles where the rats hang out between coffee hours.

A week is considered long enough to convince the rabid coffee connoisseurs that oats are more nutritious and delicious. When the converts start paying nightly visits in large numbers for their free meal, "something new" will be added.

Perhaps some will die from over-eating, but the majority will pass on into rodent heaven from the effects of zinc phosphide poisoning.

During the intervening years very great progress has been made in all branches of radiology and the use of X-rays has increased to such an extent that it is now said that one out of every two patients attending hospital is subjected to X-ray examination.

The exhibition of X-ray and ancillary apparatus, which is being held in the two halls of the Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, Westminster, from July 24 to July 28, will reveal many radical improvements in the design of the equipment of manufacturers from nine different countries. It will offer to visitors from all parts of the world their first opportunity to compare the post-war designs of different countries. The great progress made by United Kingdom manufacturers, both in technical design and quality of production, will be strikingly evident from their exhibits.

Only quite recently has Britain become a large-scale manufacturer of X-ray tubes, but already her productive capacity is more than sufficient to meet the increased home demand consequent on the National Health Service, and an increasing number of tubes is being exported.

## ALL TYPES

A similar state of affairs exists in the case of major X-ray apparatus, where at one time United Kingdom manufacturers produced apparatus in relatively small quantities, most of them are now equipped for large-scale production which, in turn, enables them to devote a considerable part of their energies to the research work which is an essential forerunner of original and progressive design.

The exhibition will include examples of all types of X-ray apparatus, from small dental and portable units which can easily be carried to the patient's home, to deep therapy and industrial X-ray units operating at tensions of 250,000 volts and more.

There will be appliances for handling radium, sensitive and complex instruments for measuring minute traces of radiation (a field in which British scientists have made great advances) and all the necessary accessory apparatus and materials required in connection with the practice of radiology.

Admission to the exhibition is by ticket, available to doctors and others engaged in the practice of medical and industrial radiology and physiotherapy from the Technical Exhibition Secretariat, Sixth International Congress of Radiology, 32, Welbeck Street, London, W. 1.

## WRITINGS DISCLOSE AEGEAN CULTURE

A Bulgarian scientist has deciphered Europe's most ancient preserved writings.

Prof. Vladimir Georgiev has "unveiled the Minoan (Cretan) writings," which are considered the most ancient preserved written documents in Europe. It was disclosed by the archaeologist, Ivan Velkov in Izgrev, Bulgarian periodical.

Mankind has learned about Aegean culture from the excavations carried on in the past few centuries. Aegean monuments are scattered all over the Mediterranean, but the biggest concentration is in Crete and the Peloponnese, said Prof. Velkov.

Cretan culture dated back as far as 3,000 B.C. About 1,800 B.C. some unknown catastrophe befell the island and much of its civilisation was wiped out.

The renaissance in Crete came about 1,700 B.C. when the magnificent palaces and other public buildings were constructed. Their ruins indicate the once mighty city of Knossos, ruler of the ancient Mediterranean world.

## INSCRIBED ON CLAY

That was the period connected with the mythical King Minos, his labyrinthine palace and his fabled minotaur. From this time date the most ancient preserved writings in Europe—the so-called Cretan or Minoan writings, inscribed on clay tablets. Some 3,000 or 4,000 have been preserved, about one-fourth of which are now published.

It is these writings which Prof. Georgiev has deciphered, according to the article in Izgrev.

Minoan writings, the article said, were "pictographs," each picture being a separate word. This system later developed into a syllabary writing, of which the tablets are examples.

Scientists were aided in their search for the key to the tablets by the knowledge that many of them concerned commercial accounts, lists of names, registers and similar entries.

## Couldn't Happen Twice

A train was crossing the Alpine village of Cavalese when a five-year-old boy on a sledge came down a slope at great speed, heading towards the level crossing. The sledge passed between the locomotive and the first carriage and the boy found himself unhurt on the other side.

## A Meal in Itself

Spring hats displayed by New York's top milliner looked as if they had been made from breakfast foods. This effect was deliberate, "Mr. Johns," the designer, said he had tried to develop straws which looked like cornflakes and shredded wheat.

# NEWS IN PICTURES



**NICE AND ROSY**—Janet Brett graphically models this new bathing suit in Hollywood. The sea-going style is made of a new water-repellent chintz, and is the latest thing.



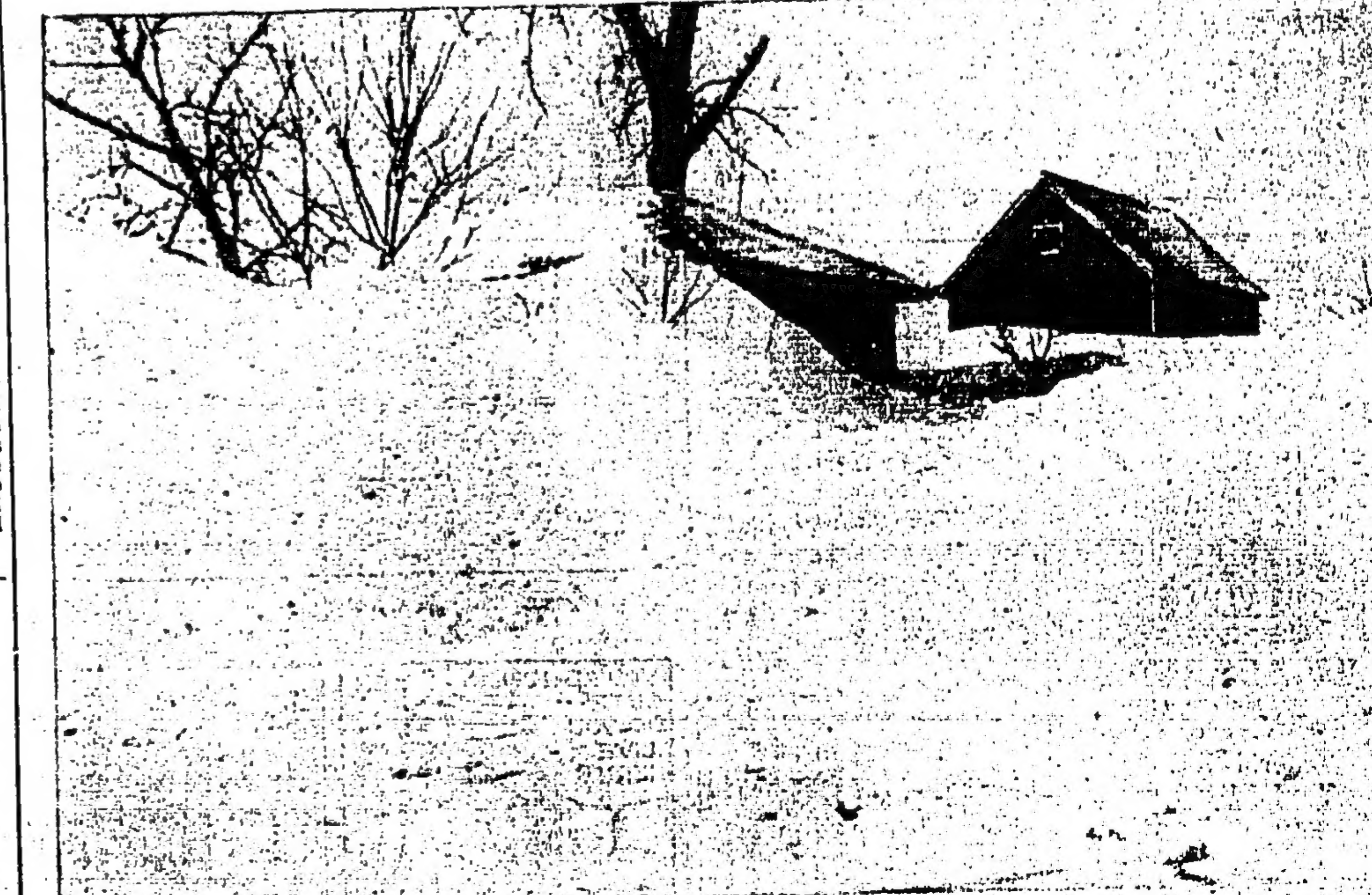
**BORN TO POLIO VICTIM**—Girl triplets, born in Long Branch, New Jersey, to a 30-year-old mother recovering from polio, are held by nurse Elizabeth Nelson and Dr Edward Surowiec. The mother, Mrs Fred W. Warnke, is the wife of a dentist and mother of two other children. The first of the triplets was delivered naturally and the other two by Caesarean section.



**CHIPPER SKIPPER**—Movie actress Rhonda Fleming plays the part of a captain at the wheel of a cruiser as she glides over the waters of Lake Mead, near Las Vegas, Nevada. Rhonda had a short vacation between pictures, before she had to hurry back to Hollywood for the start of another one.



**SHE'S GOT A JOB**—Irish setter Knotty Notes Tarashan O'Kells gave birth to a 17-puppy litter in Alexandria, Virginia, and that is believed to have topped all records. Two puppies died. Dinner-time is still a problem, even with the moral support of her master, 10-year-old Alex Todd. Just now she's letting sleeping dogs lie.



**WINTER IN THE COUNTRY**—The drifts shown here near Eureka, South Dakota, illustrate this winter's conditions in the northern part of the state. Snow piled up as high as 18 feet in some places, and motorists left cars in garages rather than drive through drifts.

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



## Story Of Inventive Genius

A 1,048-page book just published in Birmingham—parts of it are printed in nine languages—is not by any means in the best-seller class, but it has a fascinating story to tell of British inventive genius.

This prosaic tome, alive with numerous stories of the trials and triumphs in the field of mechanical invention in which British brains and craftsmanship have emerged second to none, is the 1950 catalogue of the Castle Bromwich section of the British Industries Fair. Its 100,000 words, nearly as many as there are in the New Testament, give a glowing account of the mechanical perfection and the vision and perseverance of the builders of the mechanical age, who, despite many setbacks, heartbreaks and disappointments, set Britain along the road to engineering supremacy, with the Midlands always in the van.

## ARRAY OF STOCK

It is all there in this precise, rather technical yet authoritative dispatch, enumerating in fascinating form the glittering array of stock that there is in Britain's industrial show-window and reflecting in unmistakable fashion the fine performance and high quality of our engineering genius and craftsmanship.

Not one of its perfectly displayed 443 advertisements show a Hollywood lovely primly wielding a silver spanner or reclining a machine, nor is there anything unrelated to industry. The high-powered salesmanship of the sleek publicity merchants has been banished from these pages, yet this well prepared volume presents a story fascinating to both buyer and seller alike.

Very soon now this saga of human endeavour will spring into real life. Then you may know that all is well in Britain's field of industry and endeavour and that the Midlands have triumphed once again.

## It's All In The Family

Theodore Borkowski, 58, got a divorce in Cleveland because his 44-year-old second wife, Josephine, wanted to marry his son Chester, aged 38.

In Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs Helen Bishop, 35, tried to upset the marriage of her divorced husband, Victor Bishop, 35, to her 16-year-old daughter Jean by a previous marriage.

She said: "I gave him a divorce when he told me he was in love with a younger woman. I did not know the other woman was my daughter." She was told the marriage was legal.

## U.S. LIMITING STOCKPILING

London, March 10.

The editor of The Times Review of Industry warns, that the dollar earning capacity of the Sterling Area under the terms of the American stockpiling programme should not be overestimated.

The latest report of the United States Munitions Board to Congress, he points out, emphasised that the establishment of an overall balance within the stockpile was of great and immediate importance.

The limitation of funds available for stockpiling made it necessary for the Board to cut down purchases of materials already held in substantial quantities to permit larger purchases of scarce products. The two chief strategic sterling commodities—

rubber and tin—were among those products which may, for the time being, take a secondary place in stockpiling purchases. This limitation did not affect purchases against EHP counter-part funds, but these did not yield additional dollars to the Sterling Area pool.

## ANOTHER AIM

The Times Review of Industry also points out that the American stockpiling programme has another aim besides accumulating physical stocks of strategic and critical materials. This covered development of substitutes and of conversion measures, the utilisation of low grade ores through concentration, and similar schemes which could render the United States less dependent on foreign supplies in time of war.

Remarkable progress was made in the conversion of products like tin and rubber during the Second World War, and these activities have been developed further since the passing of the Stockpiling Act of 1950. Although these did not, for the time being, affect commercial demand, they would play some part in fixing strategic stockpile objectives.

## Fought to Death Over 2d. Tip

Fifty gypsies, including men, women and children, fought a knife and club battle on the outskirts of Seville, Spain, over the outcome of a 2d. tip. Three men, an old woman and two 10-year-old boys were killed on the spot. Three other men died in hospital. Everybody else was more or less severely wounded. The fighting only stopped when there was no body left to fight.

## K. O. CANNON . . . . . The Riddle of the Red Domino



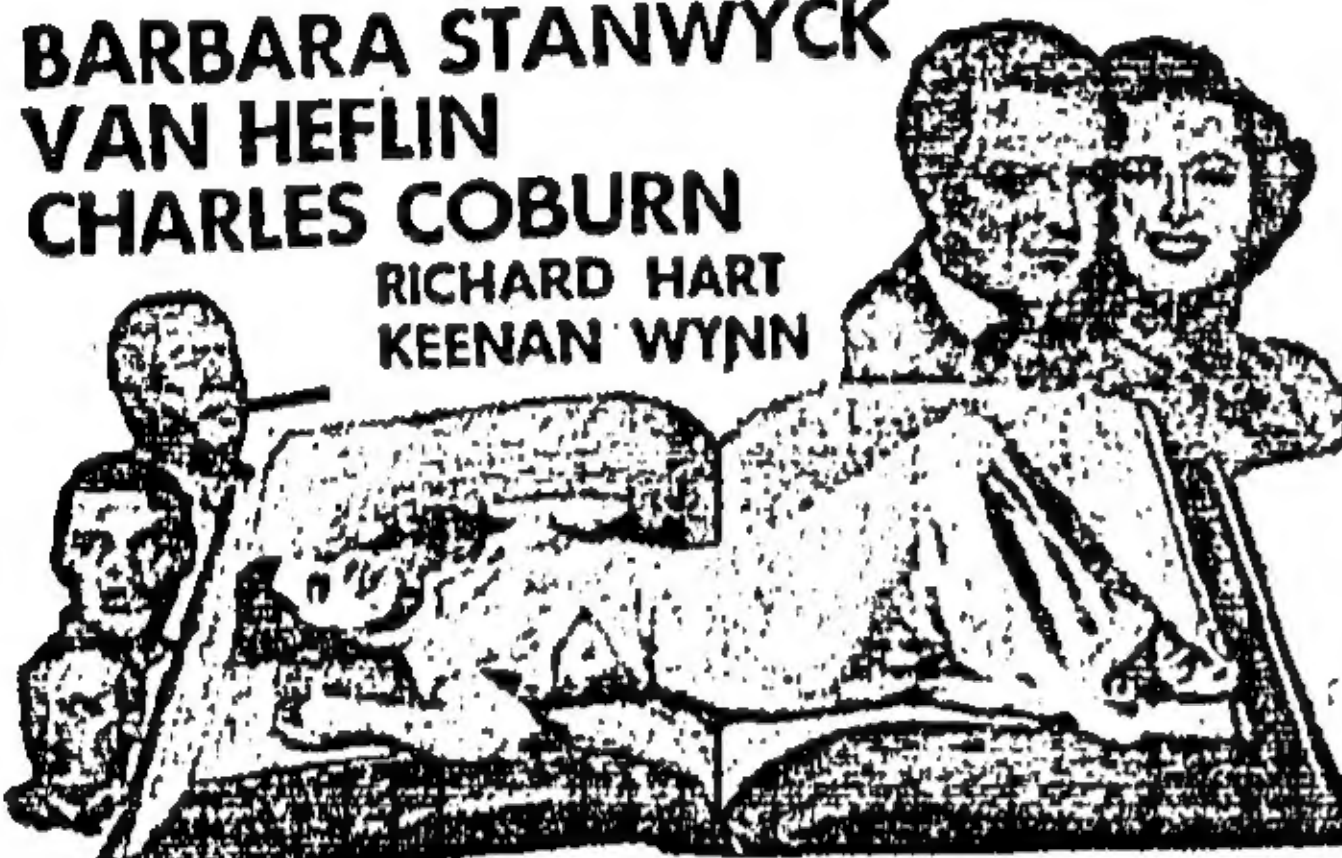


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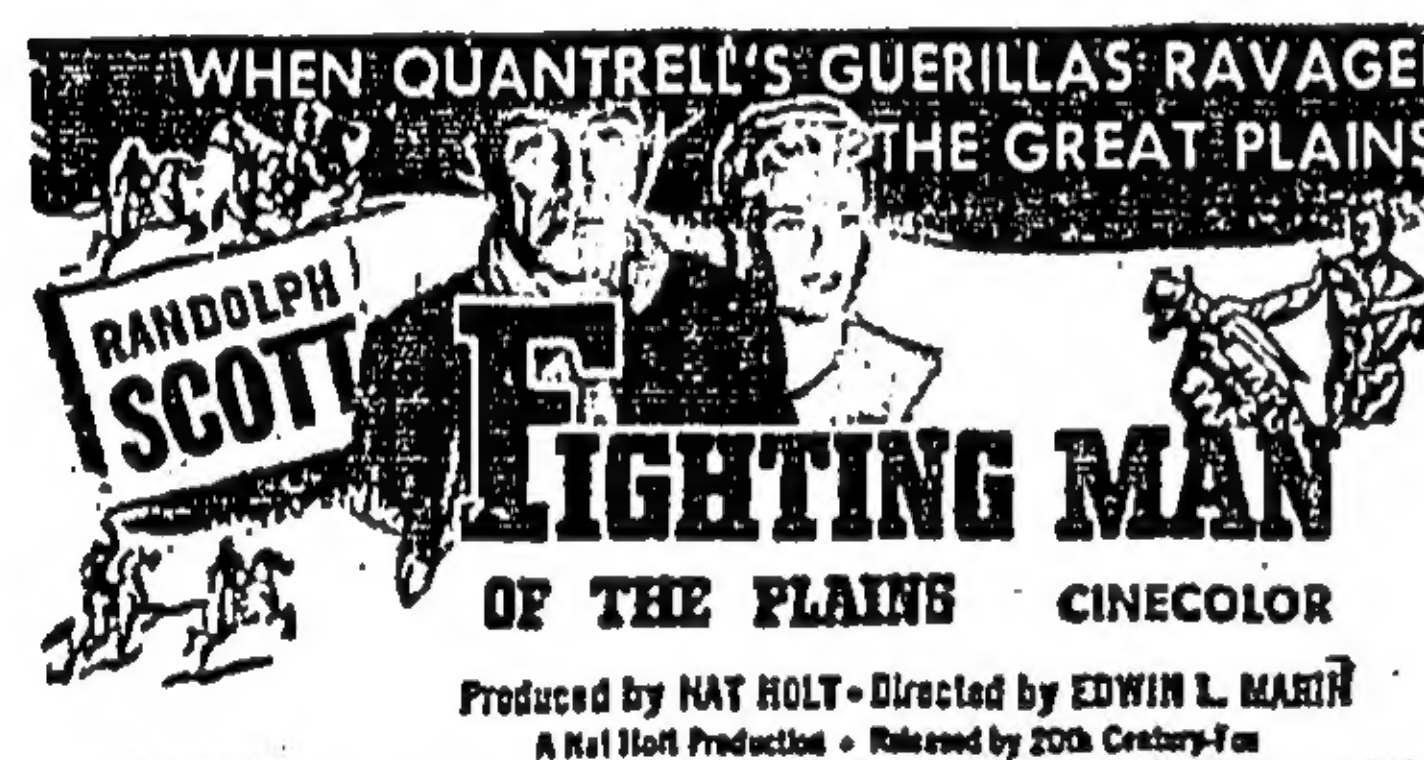
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DOROTHY PAMELA O'GRADY—served nine years in gaol.



by EPHRAIM HARDCASTLE

London. bought two tartan dinner jackets. But there is nothing new to this idea. Highlanders have worn them for generations. Lord Bruce, son and heir of the Earl of Elgin, was photographed wearing one at a Perth ball. It was copied from a doublet 250 years old. Lord Salween wears a tartan smoking jacket. And Harry Cunningham-Bruce, one of the war's youngest brigadiers, has a complete tartan suit.

**Teeth 'mannequin'**  
• SPINNING money from false teeth: Mr. Frank Hawtin, chairman of Dental Manufacturing, Ltd., company made 35,000,000 teeth last year, 10,000,000 more than the year before. Toothless Mr. Hawtin is his own "mannequin" for any new ideas in dental culture.

**New York colleen**  
• REVERSING the usual process: Miss Mary Collins arrived from America for a film test at Shepperton Studios. Miss Collins has won nine beauty competitions. She is "Miss New York City." And at 23 she is "America's Most Beautiful Girl with an Irish Background."

**Coats wedding**  
• NEWS from Glentanar in Decade: The marriage of Jamie Bruce, second son of the Earl of Elgin, and Jean Coats, daughter of Lord Glentanar and heiress to the Coats millions will take place at Glentanar in August.

**Rowing envoy**  
• ACTING Australian High Commissioner Norman Mighell still does not know when his successor arrives. But he says that he will go home in April anyway.

**After the ball**  
• MILLIONAIRE Edward Hulton and his wife—formerly Russian Princess Nika Yourevitch—last July gave a housewarming party at Cleve Lodge, 24, Hyde Park Gate.

The house was not ready to be warmed, so the party took place in the garden—transformed into a miniature fairground and heated by braziers. There is a story that Mrs. Hulton, shaking hands with her hundreds of guests, came across an acquaintance, murmured: "Ah, I know you."

After all that, the Hultons never lived at Cleve Lodge; now they have moved from the Dorchester to a house in Hill Street.

**The King's jacket**  
• EYEBROWS went up in sartorial circles when it was announced that the King had

## She had herself sentenced to death as 'a huge joke'

By Sidney Rodin

THE only British woman sentenced to death for spying during the war was released from Aylesbury Gaol a few days ago after serving nine years of a 14-year sentence.

Immediately on release she told an almost incredible story.

She said that in fact she had never done any spying; that the whole episode was "a huge joke"—a piece of exhibitionism on her part. That being sentenced to death gave her the biggest thrill in her life.

The woman concerned is Mrs. Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, now 52 years old, formerly a boarding-house keeper at Osborne Villa, Sandown, Isle of Wight.

She has gone back to Osborne Villa to reopen her boarding house.

## Her 'tales'

Let Mrs. O'Grady tell her story in her own words:—

"Since I was a child I have loved to make up tales and pretend I have done things that I have not done out of love of shocking people.

"At school I once wrote on pieces of paper that I had killed my mother. I hid them about the place hoping they would be found and that they would hang me. Yet I was very fond of my mother.

"When the war began all my guests left Osborne Villa, and my husband, who is now 72, took a fireman's job in London. I was all alone except for my black retriever Rob.

## At the beach

"The island was full of soldiers and most of the sea front was prohibited to residents. But the summer was hot, and I continued to take my dog for his swim.

"I walked miles to get the better of the soldiers in order to reach the beach.

"Gun emplacements were everywhere, and one day in July I got to the beach at Whitecliff Bay, near Bembridge.

"I was sitting reading when two soldiers appeared.

"They asked me what I was doing there, and then one of them, a sergeant, noticed a small paper swastika pinned under the lapel of my coat.

"It came from the Daily Express war map, with which little coloured flags were provided for marking the changes in the front.

## Checked up

"The swastika flag must have stuck to my hair as I bent down to pick something up in front of the map. As I walked I felt it in my hair and quite naturally pulled it out and put it under my lapel.

"I was taken before the commanding officer. He checked up on me with the police at Sandown, and then let me go.

"A young policeman came to question me some time afterwards. He asked me my views on Hitler.

"I realised that they thought me a spy. I said to myself, 'Very well, I'll give them something to think about.'

## Guido maps

"So I told the constable that I thought Hitler was a fine man and if he wanted to make Germany greater I didn't see why he shouldn't.

"To my huge delight the constable wrote all this down.

"Now I began to enter into the lark in earnest. I had guide maps of the island which I used to give to my guests and I began marking them with military objectives.

"I was nearly a casualty in a daylight bombing attack on the Royal Marine Hotel, Ventnor. I bought a postcard showing the hotel, which I marked, for I knew it stood above a military billet.

"I went to St Boniface Down, near Ventnor, where there was a secret radar station, and made rough pencil sketches of the layout, one of which I dropped near the sentry.

"At Luccombe Chine the stone steps down to the beach had been partly blown up to prevent easy ascent of the cliffs.

"But, exploring with my dog Rob, I found a narrow, twisting path which enabled me to descend to the beach and climb up again.

"I made three sketches of this place, indicating the path with arrows, and showing a trench which was manned by soldiers at night—I even indicated the number and the time they went on duty—and a camouflaged gun which I had seen on a house-top above the beach.

## A summons

"Other sketches I made included those of the naval wireless station at Culver Cliff, and the sea fort where a big naval gun had just been installed.

"Most of these sketches I dropped where soldiers would find them, but I always carried some more, and a marked map of the island, in my handbag to keep up the illusion of being a spy should I be arrested.

"I longed to be arrested.

"Then a summons came ordering me to appear at Ryde Police Court to answer charges of having been found in a prohibited place and of attempting to bribe soldiers.

"I packed a bag, locked up the villa and went to stay at Alum Bay. I was three weeks there before they found me. All the time I kept marking my maps and dropping my little swastikas.

"When the police took me to Yarmouth Police Station they found my maps and sketches in my handbag, and also a false identity card. I thought I had lost my card a few weeks before and obtained a new one.

"Then I found the old one and took great delight in rubbing out my name and substituting a false one, with a London address.

"I was kept three months in Hollywood Gaol, in London, and interrogated for long periods. My chief interrogator from M.I.5 kept asking to whom I gave my information.

"I refused to say. Earlier, however, I had made up the yarn that a submarine used to appear off the Isle of Wight at night and a man 'came ashore in a rubber dinghy.'

"This is the man I said I had contacted.

"When I knew I was going to be tried at Winchester I became a little frightened and was almost on the point of confessing that the whole thing was a joke.

"But I hardened and looked forward to the trial as an immense thrill.

"The trial lasted two days. Although right inside me I was scared I enjoyed every moment of it.

"I learned that because of my maps most of the defence plans for the island had been changed.

## Black cap

"The excitement of being tried for my life was intense. The supreme moment came when an official stood behind the judge and put on his black cap for him before pronouncing the death sentence.

"The man didn't put it on straight. It went over one of the judge's eyes and looked so funny that I was giggling inside and had a job not to laugh.

"It was hard to keep a straight face and look serious and solemn as I knew a spy should.

"I found it disappointing that I was going to be hanged instead of shot.

"My next disappointment was to learn that they would put a hood over my head and tie my hands behind my back before taking me to the scaffold.

"This upset me. I protested. 'What is the good of being hanged if I can't see what is happening?' Sometimes I said: 'They won't hang a woman in England.'

"I took some persuading to appeal against the death sentence and I spent Christmas in the death cell. They gave me a little piece of Christmas pudding and a few sweets and some cake.

"I used to spin the officers all sorts of yarns about my spying. All these, I discovered, were later written down.

"My only fear was that I would be taken away one morning to be hanged without having been told the night before.

"Sometimes I dreaded going to sleep in case this happened. I was terrified, yet I enjoyed being terrified.

## A letter

"Three judges heard my appeal at the Law Courts. It hurt me that not once did any of them turn to look at me. When I was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment I became almost hysterical and could not stop crying all that night.

"I went to Aylesbury next day. For many months I told no one that my spying was a mere pretence. Then I wrote a letter to my husband explaining everything for the first time. It was intercepted by the prison authorities.

"Then, after two years, I wrote out a full confession. It was sent to the Home Secretary. My statement concluded with the words: 'I know I acted foolishly, but I did not realize the gravity of my acts at the time.'

"The Home Secretary acknowledged my communication and said it would be filed with the documents relating to my case.

"The war ended, but I still heard nothing.

## Privileges

"After three years I had become a 'special' prisoner with many privileges. The specials have their own small wing with sitting room and kitchen, and a very nice garden. I became quite happy in prison.

"My husband visited me regularly. He had stood by me through all the years and kept our home together. But he was getting old and I felt I should make one more effort to be released so that I could come out and look after him.

"Therefore, last November, I petitioned the Home Secretary for my release. I wrote: 'My husband is now 72 and wants me at home.'

"I know I did wrong in pretending to be a spy, but I have paid for it now."

"The answer came on February 15 ordering my almost immediate release."

"That is the story as Mrs. Dorothy O'Grady told it to me.

Readers who may doubt her sanity should know that at no material time has it been doubted.

When she had been in prison four years she was seen by Dr. Jean Durrant, a psychiatrist.

Dr. Durrant is not at liberty to discuss individual cases. But when I saw her at home in Chelsea she said to me: "No person certified as insane would be kept at Holloway or Aylesbury."

## The truth

"What further light can Mrs. O'Grady herself throw on her affair?"

With what I judged to be complete frankness she said:

"Perhaps I have some mental kink, but I took hold of me at one time because I was alone amid the continual noise of guns and the droning of planes.

"All my life I had never been unkind. I have always been indulgent. I never had a close friend even at school.

"I felt tremendously bucked when I saw that they thought me clever enough to be a spy. It made me feel somebody instead of just an ordinary seaside landlady.

"Yet I was astonished when they believed it all. I never imagined they would.

"But I consider it better that people on the Isle of Wight who doubted me should now know the truth. Better to be thought a fool than a traitor."

A Home Office official to whom the statement was submitted said: "The question whether Mrs. O'Grady's explanation of her conduct is feasible is not one on which the Home Office can properly express an opinion as she was tried in open court."

In the history of Aylesbury Gaol no woman has ever served so long a sentence—not even those in "for life." They are usually released after five years.

—London Express Service.

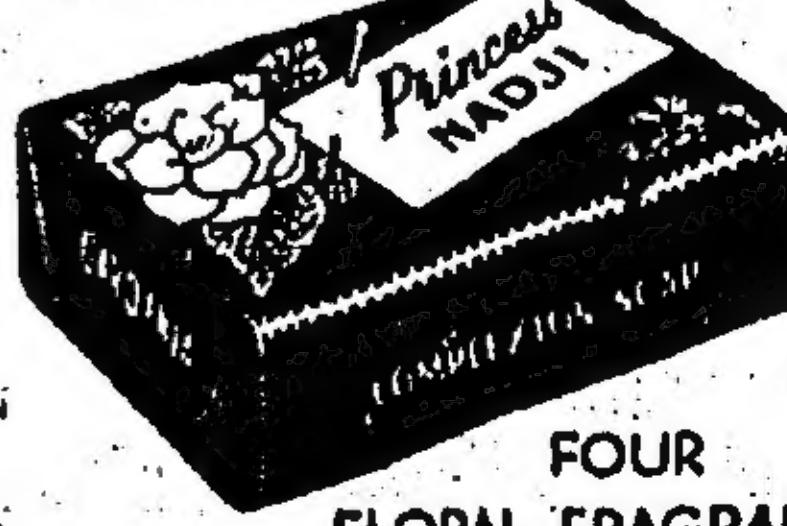
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# Urgent Churchill Call For Action On Defence

## Catholic Leader Ordered Out

Prague, Mar. 16.—The Czechoslovak Government ordered this afternoon that Monsignor Ottavio de Liva, who had been in the country for three days, was to leave the country within three days. It was officially announced tonight. Monsignor de Liva is the Secretary of the Papal Pronunciamento in Prague. The note accused him of carrying on subversive activities. The note said that the higher Church hierarchy in Czechoslovakia had for a considerable time past been misusing the Catholic Church here for anti-State activity.—Reuter.

## SHARP CANBERRA FLARE-UP

Canberra, Mar. 16.—The debate flared up anew today in the Australian House of Representatives over why Japanese war criminals should be released by the Labour Government, which left office last December.

Mr. P. C. Spender, Minister of External Affairs, charged that Mr. Chifley's government played politics, and told the assembly, "The conduct of the Chifley government regarding Japanese war criminals was disgraceful. They should have been prosecuted."

War-time pilot B. Graham (Liberal) angrily declared: "The Japanese are sub-human creatures. Their complete elimination as a race would in no way detract from the future prospect of the world's development and prosperity. There are members here with deep loathing and hatred for the Japanese after personal contact with them."

Mr. Josiah Francis, Minister for the Army and Air Force, declared that the Chifley government was wrong in that it nothing was done about Japanese war criminals. General Douglas MacArthur would be forced to release the suspects. Holding a sheet of paper in his hand, he said: "Here is a cabinet document which recommended to the Chifley cabinet that no further action be taken."

Mr. Chifley retorted: "That was never adopted. It is obvious from the files that the former Army Minister, Mr. Cyril Chambers, and the former Defence Minister, Mr. J. J. Deane, quarrelled on the issue of the war trials."

Mr. Chifley, in his own defence, said, "Lack of accommodation in various Eastern places was the main reason why the trials were delayed. His government first wanted to hold them in Japan, but facilities were not available there. He then sought to stage the trials in Japan, but the authorities there declined. Mr. Chifley said his government finally suggested Darwin, Australia, but this proved unsatisfactory.—United Press.

## Funeral Service For Rev H.R. Wells

A funeral service will be held for the late Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., 87-year-old missionary and Chinese scholar, who died last night at the Queen Mary Hospital following a street accident, at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Hop Yai Church, Bonhom Road. The service, which will be in Chinese, will be conducted by the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling.

Following the service, the cortege will proceed to the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, where burial will take place.

The late Rev. Mr. Wells was docked down by a tramcar in Dux Vaux Road Central on Wednesday morning, and suffered a fractured skull.

The aged missionary first arrived in China in 1887, and shortly afterwards joined the staff of the London Missionary Society. He came to Hongkong in 1903, and retired from the Society in 1930.

Mr. Wells has had a long association with the Chinese churches in the Colony. He was also well-known for his sublimation of many Chinese books, and especially for his "Cantonese For Everyone," an easy guide to foreigners desirous of learning the Cantonese tongue.

It is requested that no flowers be sent, but donations in lieu of flowers of the Society for the Protection of Children and the Fanning Babies Home will be welcome.

## POWERFUL SPEECH IN COMMONS

London, Mar. 16.—The Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, opening a defence debate in the House of Commons today, said that progress had certainly been made with the Commonwealth countries towards the close working partnership on defence matters which the Government regarded as their goal.

They would continue to study matters of mutual concern as they affected the different members of the Commonwealth.

"We shall also continue to meet, to the maximum possible extent, requests for assistance in building up the fighting services of the other Commonwealth countries. There is, in addition, a constant flow of officers and other ranks of the three Services on loan, on exchange or on courses," he said.

Mr. Shinwell said that the Commonwealth countries were being invited to a meeting of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on defence in London during the summer for discussion on a wide range of subjects.

On the atomic bomb, and "its more deadly development, the hydrogen bomb," Mr. Shinwell said, "We know that Soviet Russia made progress more rapidly than at one time seemed likely."

The Americans continued to develop the knowledge required to improve on earlier bombs.

Britain was following her own programme. Substantial progress was being made in military planning to translate the North Atlantic Pact into practical measures. Britain expected to receive a substantial number of American B29 aircraft this year.

The large quantities of military equipment Britain had transferred to North Atlantic Treaty countries had resulted in increased defensive strength.

**GERMAN AID**  
Speaking in the debate, Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, said that the active aid of Western Germany was essential to the defensive plans of the Atlantic Pact nations.

"We are unable to offer any assurance to the Germans that they may not be overrun by the Soviet or a satellite invasion," Mr. Churchill said, adding that Germany was at present disarmed, and unable to give any military forces to assist in the defence of her vast front.

"The mighty mass of the Russian armies and their satellites lie like a fearful cloud upon the German people and the direct protection," Mr. Churchill declared, "We have no guarantee to give except to engage in a war after wrecking what is left of European civilisation. It would no doubt end ultimately in the defeat of the Soviet, but it might lead to Communist domination of Western Germany and not only of Western Germany."

"If the Germans are to have no guaranteed defence nor be allowed to make a general contribution to the framework of defence, they must console themselves as they are doing with the thought that they have no military expenses to bear."

"I say without hesitation that the effective defence of European frontiers cannot be achieved if the German contribution is excluded. The decision does not rest with this country alone but we must have a policy and the House ought to know what is our policy."

"It is painful to witness the present indecision and also the petty annoyances by which reconciliation of France and Great Britain with Germany is hindered by belated dismantling of a few remaining factories and still more belated trials of aged German generals."

**FIFTH COLUMN**  
"All this plays into the hands of the Communist fifth column in Western Germany and assists the reviving of Nazism or neo-Nazism, which is only another variant of the same evil."

Mr. Churchill said that he did not quarrel with the Navy Estimates but, rather, was sorry to see no increases in fleet reserve strength during 1950-51. "There is no surface fleet potentially hostile to us in the world today, therefore, the aircraft carrier with appropriate naval protection must increasingly replace the battleships of former times."

"What we have to face in the next few years is the Germanised Soviet U-boat," he added. "An entirely new type of U-boat has been developed which

could manoeuvre below the surface at upwards of 20 knots and could make passages of thousands of miles without appearing on the surface, he said.

"The main emphasis of our naval efforts at the present time should be to create the largest number of light fleet aircraft carriers and auxiliary carriers which are capable of carrying the necessary modern type of aircraft."

**AIR DANGERS**  
Turning to the Air Force generally, Mr. Churchill said, "In the forefront stands the enormous numerical strength of the Soviet Air Force. If we are to have sufficient strength to deter war, or enable us to win through if it comes, we require far larger numbers of the highest class aircraft than we now possess."

"Every sacrifice should be made in other branches of defence to make sure that it is not neglected. Fortunately, and providentially, there is the American Air Force, far stronger than ours and of equal quality."

"If the air quantity is best defeated by quality. That is how we got through in 1940."

"Our defensive forces in fighter aircraft should be raised and our radar protection should be raised by our utmost exertions to the highest possible level."

Mr. Churchill continued, "Do not nurse foolish delusions that we have any other overall effective shield at the present time from mortal danger than the atom bomb in the possession, thank God, of the United States of America."

"But for that there would be no hope that Europe could preserve its freedom or that our island could escape an ordeal incomparably more severe than that we have endured."

"Let us, therefore, labour for peace, not only by incurring our defence in strength, but also by making sure that no door is closed to any hope of reaching a settlement in this tragic period when two worlds face one another in increasing strain and anxiety."—Reuter.

**SHIP ABANDONED**  
Suez, Mar. 16.—The 5,500-ton Norwegian motorship *Taiwan* has been abandoned in a sinking condition off St. John's Island in the Red Sea, according to a signal from Captain Brinkland to the ship's agents.

The message added that all 42 crew, including the captain's wife and two stewards, were safe on board the 3,000-ton British freighter *Mathura*, of Liverpool.

The *Taiwan* was bound for Scandinavia from the Persian Gulf.—Reuter.

**Found Guilty Of Manslaughter**  
Sydney, Nova Scotia, Mar. 16.—The jury today found Dan Jack Maclean, 65-year-old ex-Mayor, guilty of manslaughter in the death of December 18 of Joseph Mackinnon, crippled vote registrar.—United Press.

**By Galbraith**

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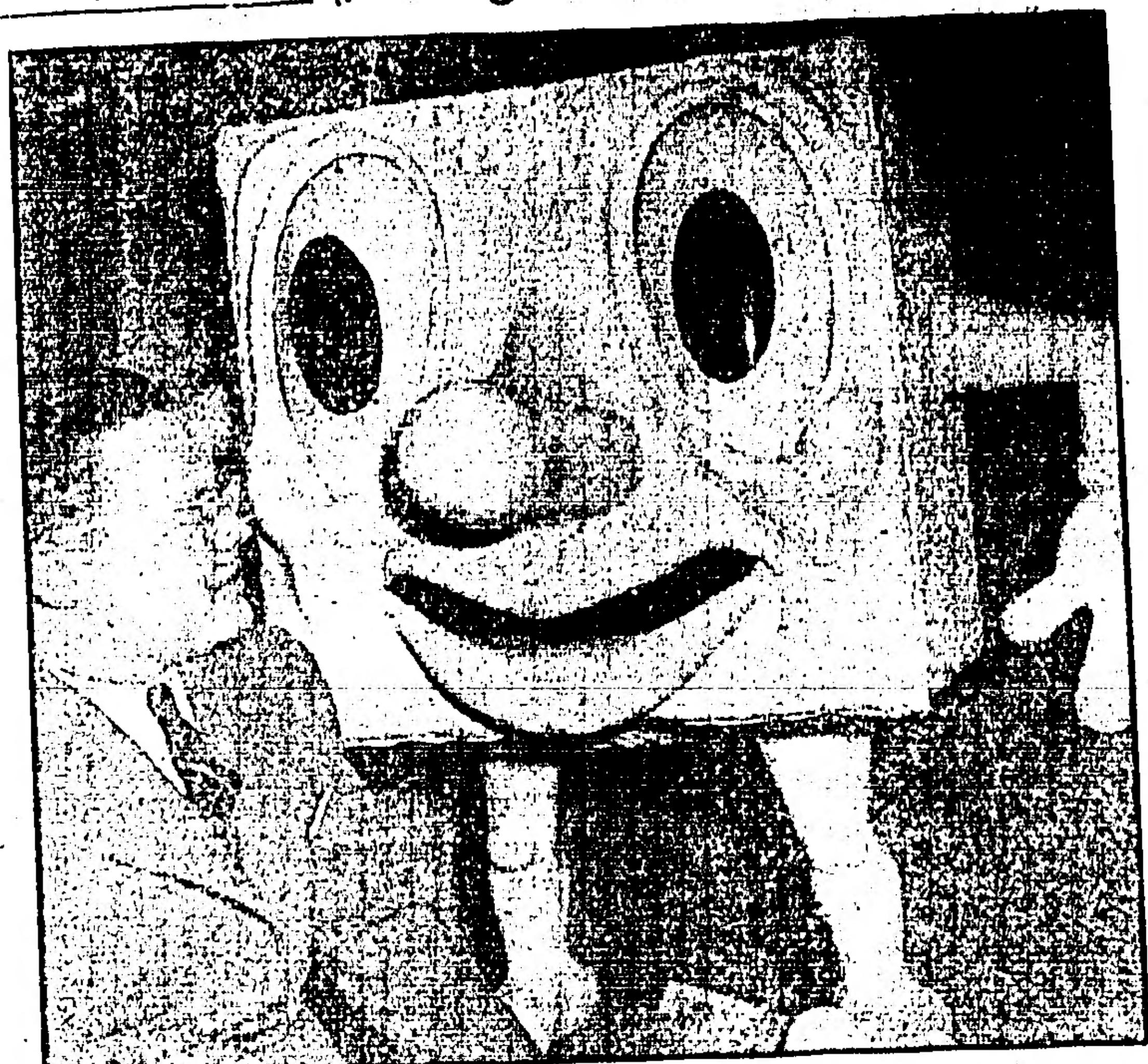
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## Mr. Cube Can Now See, Sing And Make A Speech



Mr. Cube, the anti-nationalist pet of the sugar industry, has grown up. He has been given an electronic brain which allows him to move his eyes and hands, sing and make a speech. Here he is at a demonstration in London with his inventor, Mr. Charles Garner.

**'No Parking' For Planes!**

Anchorage, Alaska, Mar. 16.—Much talk was told today to keep their planes off Alaskan roads or face charges of "operating a vehicle on the highways without headlights or license plates."

Patrolmen have been instructed to make arrests unless highways were used for emergency landings only.—United Press.

**Knowland's China Policy**

Washington, Mar. 16.—Senator William Knowland said today that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had laid the foundation for a constructive foreign policy, but was still "mistakenly" ignoring the forces of Nationalist China.

The Republican Senator told Senate, "It does not need to close Europe while we have it wide open in Asia."

He said the Chinese Nationalists still had 600,000 troops under their command and 200,000 of them were first-class fighting that the State Department discuss with the island countries of the Pacific an alliance against Communism.—United Press.

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## U.S. Naval Chiefs Insist On Need For Preparedness

Washington, Mar. 16.—The Navy Secretary, Mr. Francis Matthews, told the House Appropriations Committee that it would be "complete folly" to contemplate anything less than adequate military preparedness in view of the hostile forces loose in the world today.

In testimony released today by the Appropriations Committee, Mr. Matthews said: "Aggressive Communist expansion in the Far East continues. The economic and political situation in Central and Western Europe, although improved, is not yet stabilised. Countries in the Middle East need the help and support of the Western world if they are to retain their independence."

The naval Chief of Operations, Admiral Forrest Sherman, told the Committee the Navy's budget had been made up "after a great deal of thought on the international situation and the likelihood of hostilities."

In answer to Committee questions, he could "give no guarantee that war would not break out during 1951. Questioned about the effects on the United States' security of the military assistance programme, Admiral Sherman said, "During the past two years I have played a part in the situation in France to a degree and more importantly in Italy and Greece... In Greece, particularly, the operation included economic aid, direct military aid and indirect military aid by the maintenance of a fleet in the Mediterranean."

They all "are in the midst of active guerrilla warfare in Greece and in the maintenance of our position in Trieste and success in Italy."—United Press.

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## KING LEOPOLD TO ACCEPT VERDICT OF PARLIAMENT

Geneva, Mar. 16.—Exiled King Leopold stated today that the Belgian Parliament must decide whether he should return to the throne on the basis of Sunday's referendum which gave him 57.6% of the votes.

If Parliament—in which the Catholics who supported him fully are just short of an absolute majority—decided against his return, he was ready to retire, the 49-year-old King stated.

The declaration said, "It is the function of Parliament to take political responsibilities. As the organ of national sovereignty it is its duty—in virtue of the powers given it by the law of July 19, 1945—to find, without further delay, the solution to the present crisis."

He said that whatever decision Parliament may take he would bow before that decision. He added that if the Assembly considered that his prerogatives should not be returned to him he would retire in order to preserve the country from serious political disorders.

"If, on the other hand," he said, "the Assembly, enlightened by the consultation, returns my prerogatives to me the principle of Parliamentary majority on which the regime is based will resume its work within the rigorously respected framework of the constitutional law."

**LABOUR ATTITUDE**  
King Leopold's announcement followed three days of urgent consultations with Belgian political leaders, including the Catholic Prime Minister, M. Gaston Eyskens, at his lake-side villa at Prebay, near Geneva.

Prince Baudouin, King Leopold's 19-year-old son, was believed to be attending the talks. He will succeed to the throne if his father abdicates.

Belgium's General Federation of Labour said today that its plans to stage a series of nationwide general strikes would go into action only if the King returned to the country without the consent of Parliament.

Before Leopold can return to the throne, a joint session of both Houses of Parliament must be held and vote to repeal the legislation, passed in 1945, which established the Regency.

Both Houses separately must first approve the holding of the joint session.—Reuter.

**MR D. J. FRASER PROGRESSING**

Mr D. J. Fraser, of the Education Department, and organist of St John's Cathedral, who was involved in a traffic accident in Stubbs Road late on Wednesday night, when he was driving his Government lorry, was this morning reported to be progressing favourably. He is a patient at Queen Mary Hospital.

According to a Police report, Mr Fraser was proceeding down Stubbs Road when he crashed into the same direction a short distance past Tung Shan Terrace. The vehicle was badly wrecked and Mr Fraser seriously injured.

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# ARMY'S CHALLENGE TO THE SCORPIONS MAY FADE OUT AT KING'S PARK

BY "RECORDER"

Army's challenge to the Scorpions may fade out at King's Park tomorrow afternoon when they take on Club de Recreo, last season's Champions, and the HKCC team may finish the week-end virtual Champions. Army come up against a Recreo team that is approaching last season's form, with "Spotty" Pereira back and Eddie Gosano finding the form that made him one of the season's most successful bowlers last year.

The Scorpions play two matches this week-end, the first against Royal Navy at Chater Road tomorrow. On Sunday they travel out to Pokfulam to meet University.

The composition of Navy's team will make a lot of difference to the outcome of tomorrow's match at Chater Road, though even at their best the Navy would not start favourites. With a good team and the fortunes of cricket on their side, they may contribute to putting a little more spice into the remaining weeks of the League season.

University have beaten the Scorpions before, both at Chater Road and at Soekunpoo last season. But they are not the team they were last year and the Scorpions are a greater power today than they have ever been.

The rest of the League programme is a good one. RAF are at home to the Optimists on a matting wicket and Noel Arthy has more than a chance to score all of the 88 runs he needs for a record post-war League aggregate.

Though Optimists are away, I have a feeling that they may achieve the improbable and take all four points.

KCC are at home to Craighower and will be up against a very far different team from the one that lost half a dozen wickets for barely 10 runs on the board at Chater Road last season.

The match should be a good one, but it is difficult to predict what could happen.

**TEAMS**  
The following cricket teams have been selected to represent their clubs in League matches this week-end:

**Navy**  
Navy 1st XI v. Scorpions, Chater Rd. tomorrow. 1st XI: Mallow (Capt.), S. P. O. White, Mid. Falkner, Lt. Wren, Lt. Oxtoby, Lt. Cur, Lt. Kettle, Lt. Long, Cdr. A. B. Trollope, Lt. Abraham, R. E. M. Isaacs, Umple, S/Lt. Cubitt, Scorer, C. O. Jeffries.

**Navy 2nd XI** v. Recreo, at King's Park tomorrow. 2nd XI: Mallow (Capt.), S. P. O. White, Mid. Falkner, Lt. Wren, Lt. Oxtoby, Lt. Cur, Lt. Kettle, Lt. Long, Cdr. A. B. Trollope, Lt. Abraham, R. E. M. Isaacs, Umple, S/Lt. Cubitt, Scorer, C. O. Jeffries.

**Navy 3rd XI** v. Bde. at King's Park on Sunday, at 1.45 p.m. 3rd XI: Mallow (Capt.), S. P. O. White, Mid. Falkner, Lt. Wren, Lt. Oxtoby, Lt. Cur, Lt. Kettle, Lt. Long, Cdr. A. B. Trollope, Lt. Abraham, R. E. M. Isaacs, Umple, S/Lt. Cubitt, Scorer, C. O. Jeffries.

**CCC v. KCC** at Cox's Path tomorrow. CCC: Mallow (Capt.), S. P. O. White, Mid. Falkner, Lt. Wren, Lt. Oxtoby, Lt. Cur, Lt. Kettle, Lt. Long, Cdr. A. B. Trollope, Lt. Abraham, R. E. M. Isaacs, Umple, S/Lt. Cubitt, Scorer, C. O. Jeffries.

**CCC v. RAPC** on Sunday at CCC (1.45 p.m.). CCC: Mallow (Capt.), S. P. O. White, Mid. Falkner, Lt. Wren, Lt. Oxtoby, Lt. Cur, Lt. Kettle, Lt. Long, Cdr. A. B. Trollope, Lt. Abraham, R. E. M. Isaacs, Umple, S/Lt. Cubitt, Scorer, C. O. Jeffries.

**RAF v. Optimists** tomorrow at Kai Tak. RAF: Mallow (Capt.), S. P. O. White, Mid. Falkner, Lt. Wren, Lt. Oxtoby, Lt. Cur, Lt. Kettle, Lt. Long, Cdr. A. B. Trollope, Lt. Abraham, R. E. M. Isaacs, Umple, S/Lt. Cubitt, Scorer, C. O. Jeffries.

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**Trophy For Hockey Interport**  
A trophy for the Interport Hockey series between Hongkong and Macao, to be known as the Spalding Cup, has been presented to the Hongkong Hockey Association by Gilman & Co., Ltd. (Hongkong).

Through the Hockey Interport series with Macao dates back a good many years, this will be the first time that a trophy will be at stake. The Interport match is to be played in Hongkong on April 1.

The Interport trophy completes the list of trophies for the Hockey Association's tournaments.

The other trophies that have been presented are a shield for the League Champions by John James & Co., a shield for the International Tournament Champions by the International Sports Company, Kowloon, and a cup for the Quadrangular Tournament Champions by George Falconer & Co.

**SAINTS WIN IN MANILA**  
Manila, Mar. 17.—The St. Joseph Football Club of Hongkong, in its first appearance here last night, outplayed the Terminal Uniteds by 4-2 in a fast game.

The Terminals scored the first tally within one minute of the kickoff but 12 minutes later the invaders had scored three times in quick succession.

Each side scored once in the second half with Terminals leading the last goal.

St. Joseph will meet La Salle Varsity on Saturday.—United Press.

## English Flat Racing Season Opens

Lincoln, Mar. 16.—The 1950 flat racing season opened in fine spring-like weather here today and a large crowd had an enjoyable, if not very profitable, day.

Punters started well when the 11 to 2 favourite, Blackmoon, ridden by a 19-year-old Scottish boy, Gordon Pryce, won the Apprentices Handicap in a field of 27 runners.

Some played up their winnings on the Champion jockey, Gordon Richards, who won with his first mount of the season on the 7 to 1 chance, Little Go, in the Stonebow Selling Plate for two-year-olds.

This turned out to be the Champion's only winner of the day. He had to be content with second place on High Endeavour on whom odds of 8 to 11 were laid to win the Greetwell Plate of seven furlongs.

Richards was also unplaced on a well-backed second favourite, The Axe, in the last race of the day.

Douglas Smith, second to Richards in the Jockey's Championship last year, scored a double, winning the Hailton Handicap of one and a half miles on the 7 to 4 favourite, Rainha, and the five-furlong Bathynnyr Hike on the 8 to 1 shot, Fleuron.

Fields were good, no fewer than 124 horses contesting the six races.

The big race of the meeting, the Lincolnshire Handicap, will be run here on Saturday.

Tips are numerous but expert opinion is of the view that one of the four of the best-backed horses, Dramatic, Burmah, Fair Judgment or Transatlantic, will win.

A fierce argument exists among the punters as to which of this quartet it will be. Many others are fancied but the majority view is that one of the "Big Four" will win.—Reuter.

**BIG RUN ON FINNURE**  
Lincoln, Mar. 16.—There was a big run in betting circles here today on Lord Leicester's Finnure for the Grand National.

Finnure was not quoted at last night's closing and when the offices opened today he was a 50-1 chance.

**Chess Tourney**  
It was Jacob Hamblin's night yesterday in the tournament for the Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club.

He played in both of the only two matches decided last night, drawing with Johnny Carvalho and then winning from A. D. Tuskia to bring his score in the tournament up to 4½ points.

Both games were played in 40 moves. Most of the matches in the round had been played earlier and the remaining three were postponed to next Tuesday.

Leading scores: R. W. Borsodi 9-2; H. Klinghardt 8-2; P. K. Prokopov & Eugene Tausz 7-4; R. W. Carter 7-5; A. Biriukoff 6½-4½.

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**Indian Doing Well In Squash Tourney**  
London, Mar. 16.—Abdul Bari of Bombay, Indian Professional Squash Champion, today beat the holder, Albert Biddle, of London, with the loss of only four points to reach the semi-final of the Professional Squash Racquets Championship of the British Isles.

The game was played at the Lansdowne Club here.

Bari gave a brilliant display to win 9-1, 9-1, 9-2 in 24 minutes against one of the ablest players in the British game. He hardly made a mistake throughout and his splendid length and fine lob gave him point after point in classic fashion.—Reuter.

## TENSE MOMENT



Medhurst, the Chelsea goalie, punches clear while harassed by Downie (left) and Pearson (centre) of Manchester United as Hughes of Chelsea looks on in a tense moment in the quarter-final round of the FA Cup competition. Chelsea won 2-0 and now meet Arsenal in the semi-final tomorrow.

The Old Timers Are Unanimous:

## TODAY'S BOXERS ARE NOT QUITE TOUGH ENOUGH

By CORNELIUS RYAN

The old-timers in boxing try to be tolerant but they cannot make themselves really believe that modern fighters are worthy successors to the fighters of years ago.

In Stillman's Gymnasium and around Madison Square Garden the old trainers and managers and hangers-on talk for a while about the newest sensations, and then they drift off onto eager reminiscence of the men of one or two generations ago.

"The modern fighter doesn't want to train," said Lou Stillman, who owns the most famous training place in the world. "All they want to do in a gym is get out. They work a round or two and then they ask me to get them out—my boy told me he had to leave to take his mother to the hair-dresser's. What kind of fighter is that kid?"

Goldman, an elderly manager, said: "The fighter did road work in the morning and then drove a truck all day and they fought after working and they didn't get hurt. Fighters in good shape don't get hurt."

Arthur Susskind, who boxed years ago under the name "Young Otto" and still is called that, works occasionally now as a boxing judge but he would like to be a trainer.

"Why don't I train the kids?" he said. "They don't want to pay me enough. They want somebody who will do it cheap, and they get a trainer like that and he ruins them. How many of these new trainers ever took a punch on the nose? What do they know? Do you ever see anybody who can fight now-a-days? I scored 45 first-round knockouts because I could fight."

**NO GOOD WORDS**  
Dan Florio, who trained Jersey Joe Walcott for Walcott's two fights with Joe Louis, had no good words for the youngsters, either.

"The kids promise you everything," he said. "They promise they will go right home, but they stay up for coffee or something else and they get to bed late. Now can you do roadwork in the morning if you get to bed late?"

Nothing was said about John L. Sullivan's tendency for dozing during the old-timers' discussion of the dissolute moderns.—United Press.

**ODDS ARE ON WILLIE PEP**  
New York, Mar. 16.—The World Featherweight Champion, Willie Pep, is an 18 to 5 on favourite for his 15-round title fight against Ray Fenech, of France, who is the Madison Square Garden, New York, tomorrow.

A crowd of more than 15,000 is expected to see Pep making his crown for the third time in his six months, while this will be Fenech's first appearance in the United States.—Reuter.

**Pressure Piles Up On Ortiz**  
London, Mar. 16.—The British Boxing Board of Control are backing the London promoter, Mr. Jack Solomons, in his demand that Manuel Ortiz, of the World of the World Bantamweight, should "fulfil his obligations" to the fight Danny O'Sullivan, the British Champion, in London.

After the announcement that Ortiz would defend his title against the South African Champion, Vic Toweel, in Johannesburg on March 13, Mr. Solomons today placed before Mr. J. Onslow Fane, the Chairman of the Board, cables and correspondence he has had with Ortiz.

"These clearly prove to me that there is a claim for Ortiz to defend his title against O'Sullivan," said Mr. Fane, who added that he was sending cables to the American National Boxing Association, the South African Boxing Association, and the British Boxing Board of Control, claiming that Ortiz should go through with the O'Sullivan fight or forfeit his title.—Reuter.

**CEYLON TEAM IN PAKISTAN**  
Karachi, Mar. 16.—The Ceylon cricket team will open their third tour of Pakistan on the Karachi Gymkhana ground tomorrow with a three-day match against a combined Sind-Karachi XI. Their team was announced tonight as follows:

S. S. Jayawickreme, S. Coomaraswamy, M. Sathasivam, R. D. Wijesinghe, L. P. de Rooy, R. H. Blak, M. Rodrigo, E. C. Keelart, B. Jayasinghe, C. Dharmaratne, and G. Guneratne. The Twelfth man will be L. Fernando.—Reuter.

## Too Much Fuss About This German Team

SAYS ALAN HOBY

Why all this fantastic fuss over the first visit of a German boys' Soccer team to Britain since the war? Not only are the Foreign Office paying their fares to London, The National Association of Boys' Clubs, who are organising the tour, have gone to remarkable lengths to give our Teutonic guests a high old time.

The programme, from March 15-31, includes slap-up official receptions by the Lord Mayors of London, Birmingham, and Nottingham.

There are also motor-coach trips to Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Oxford, Edinburgh, and so on, a meeting with Tommy Lawton, and invitations from Arsenal and Newcastle to watch their First League games.

Finally, a farewell lunch is to be thrown by the Football Association, who are helping to sponsor the visit.

**WUNDERBARI**  
"Wunderbar!" The only thing they've forgotten is the royal train and the biggest suite at Claridges or the Savoy! Mind you, I'm not, for a second, doubting the sincerity of Captain A. W. Cole, of the NABC, when he told me last week: "This is a goodwill tour. We want to show them the British way of life."

Neither have I anything but admiration for Sir Stanley Rous and the FA, who have done so much to make it all possible. I'm sure it is their honest hope that they will be able to convince these 17 young Germans, all under 18, of the advantages of the Western way of life.

But I remain sceptical. Where our ex-enemies and sports are concerned I beg to be considered the complete cynic.

**TITANIC BID**  
The Germans currently are making a titanic bid to get back into world sport. They have already set up a national Olympic Committee. They are coming back fast in athletics. They are full members of the International Swimming Association, while this summer they are applying to join the International Lawn Tennis Federation.

If accepted, this could mean they could play at Wimbledon and in the Davis Cup. They are also knocking louder on the doors of football and boxing.

**INVITATION IGNORED**  
Have the Czechs ignored their invitation to the English Table Tennis Championships at Wembley because they are afraid they won't win a title? It looks that way. They sent the present world champion, Jozef Vozzani, aged 18, to compete in the world figure skating championships, also at Wembley Pool.

Apparently they thought the beautiful Jozef can't lose. Jozef didn't.

**HARSH CRITICISM**  
Talking of table tennis, I cannot understand why World Champion Richard Bergmann has been so harshly criticised in some quarters for his recent so-called "defensive" tactics in Budapest.

After all, he won the world crown for Britain as well as for himself—when everyone else had failed.

**SPEEDWAY DYING?**  
Is speedway a dying sport? Most of the crowd-pulling headline stars are old-timers. Jack Parker (Belle Vue) is 43, Tommy Price (Wembley), the world champion, is 38, so is Australian ace Vic Duggan (Haringey), while Norman Parker (Wimbledon), is 40.

What speedway fans want to know is—where are the Split Watermans and Graham Warrens of tomorrow?

**CLUB TEAM**  
The following will represent the Club in a 2nd Division game against the Army at Soekunpoo tomorrow (3 p.m.):—Cotton, Duncan, Urquhart, Gledhill, Leck, Locke, McDonald, Wilder, Hurrell, O'Sullivan, Bayliss, Reserves:—Giddings, Johnson.

**CAPTAINCY TEST**  
Asked the question: "Should England have a professional skipper?" Northants captain, Freddie Brown, said at Corby last week: "I honestly believe that no professional wants the job."

**Wayfoong Win In Blarney Stone Shield Tourney**  
Wayfoong beat 42 Commando "A" team 9-6 in a thrilling over-time game in the Seven-Club ground yesterday. The Commandos looked to have the edge early when McDermott scored a runaway try, but Wayfoong fought back.

Layton scored two tries and Lovatt the third for Wayfoong. McDermott, who intercepted and ran the length of the field for his first try, ran almost that far again when he nocked the Commandos' second.

Police "A" played very cleverly and downed the Argvills 12-11. Sleavin got two tries, and Reynolds and Tebbutt one each.

Middlesex beat Ewo 9-3. Clayton got two tries and Parnmore one for Ewo. HQ 3 Commando Brigade beat Talook 9-3. Gray opened the scoring with a drop-goal for Talook, but then Fowke kicked an excellent corner penalty and followed it up with a try. Wharfe capped the game with a runaway try between the posts.

The Leicesters (Hutton a try) beat 40 Commando "A" 3-1 in a tough game, and Club "B" downed 45 Commando 9-11. Stewart matched two tries and Wynward one.

In the seventh game 27 H.A. Regt "A" team beat 14 Field Regt. 3-11. Shaw scored the only try.

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai who beat Benzin Saw and Patrick Poon 6-1, 6-1 yesterday, will meet Gordon Lum and P. K. Tong in the second doubles semi-final match to be played on the Stand Court today, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

**KCC TOURNEY**  
The KCC American Tennis Tournament to mark the official opening of the 1950 season will commence on Sunday, March 20, and not next Sunday.

## COLONY TENNIS

### It's Easy For The Tsui Brothers

Of the 120 paying customers who turned out yesterday to watch the Tsui brothers beat Lt-Col J. W. Spence and George Choa in the semi-final round of the Colony Open Doubles Championship at Chater Road, few would have expected the Tsuis to lose.

What must have surprised the gallery was the rather easy manner in which the Tsuis disposed of Spence and Choa. The final score was 6-1, 6-3, 6-4 and the Tsuis were the winners.

**NOT A HAPPY ONE**  
The partnership of Spence and Choa was by no means a happy one. Either player on his own is among the Colony's better players. George Choa had about everything to his game except a reliable overhead smash and a reliable "kick" on the volley. Spence has all the pace needed in his strokes, a terrific overhead smash and almost everything except anticipation.

Yesterday's game was a disappointment from the spectators' point of view—the all important one by the time the semi-finals are reached. There were even moments when George Choa sparkled. They were few and far between and seldom coincided with his partner's better moments.

The first set saw the Tsuis race into a 1-1 win. In 11 minutes, One game was lost on Spence's service.

**FIRST HINT**  
Then came the second set and the first hint at a struggle. The opposition won the second set on Choa's service and the fourth—on Spence's—went to five deuces. The Tsuis still won it and led 4-1. The score after 30 minutes' play was 6-1 in favour of the brothers Tsui.

The Tsuis were not sparkling at all. They were playing their usual game with nothing at any time resembling the form they reached when up against Pedro Masip and Heraldo Weiss.

They then began taking it easy, but still in a winning way. They lost two games. In the process, then came the remarkable eighth game of the second set when Spence, serving and in a real killer mood, seemed all intent on turning the tide.

**TURN BY TURN**  
Twice he had advantage striker and twice George Choa muffed an easy kill. Then, twice in his turn, George Choa showed what an excellent player he is in every other department than the overhead one and twice Spence muffed on the follow up. That was where the pot boiled over.

After that it was 6-3 for the Tsuis. After an hour's play they were leading 6-1, 6-3, 5-3. In five minutes more time they won. There were seven deuces in the first four games of the third set and there were fairly easy games for the losers on Choa, Spence's and on Tsui Yun-pui's service. But the winners were the winners already in everyone's estimation.

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai who beat Benzin Saw and Patrick Poon 6-1, 6-1 yesterday, will meet Gordon Lum and P. K. Tong in the second doubles semi-final match to be played on the Stand Court today, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

**KCC TOURNEY**  
The KCC American Tennis Tournament to mark the official opening of the 1950 season will commence on Sunday, March 20, and not next Sunday.



## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

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## Lord Tedder To Head Staff Mission In U.S.

London, Mar. 16.—Marshall of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, wartime deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander, General Dwight Eisenhower, is to become Chairman of the British Joint Services Mission in Washington.

Announcing this in the House of Commons today, the Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, said that the new post of overall permanent Chairman of Britain's Joint Staff Mission had been created to mark the "high importance" the British Government attaches to "our representation in Washington."

The holder will also become the British representative on the Standing Group of the North Atlantic Military Committee, Mr. Shinwell added.

Besides the three senior British Service chiefs in the United States, the Mission includes a representative of the Ministry of Supply, which supervises Britain's atomic energy research and development programme.

The Mission, which has continued since the early war years, is the liaison agency with the American Services on matters of joint interest.—Reuter.

## Indian Textile Exhibition Opens In London

London, Mar. 16.—An exhibition of some of India's loveliest textiles was opened by the High Commissioner, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, today. He took members of the British Government and Ambassadors from many countries on a tour of the "showroom" at India House containing the greatest display of Indian cottons and silks ever seen here.

## Squatters Problem In Malaya

London, Mar. 16.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, told Parliament today that settlement of the 400,000 Chinese squatters in Malaya was a formidable task which would inevitably take time.

In a written reply to a question asking what progress had been made in the matter, Mr. Griffiths said: "The principle has been accepted by the State and Settlement Governments that, wherever possible, squatters should be settled and given title to the land in the areas where they already live, but that where settlement of this kind is not possible they should be moved to other areas."

Funds have been made available by the Federation Government for roads, drainage, police and other essential services in the existing settlements and the new areas of resettlement, Mr. Griffiths said.

Voluntary organisations, such as the Malayan Chinese Association, have helped in providing transport and building materials for the squatters.—Reuter.

## COMET'S DOUBLE RECORD

London, Mar. 16.—Britain's De Havilland Comet, the world's first all-jet airliner, made a double record flight to and from Rome between breakfast and tea-time today.

With the Royal Air Force's famous wartime night-fighter pilot, Group Captain John Cunningham, at the controls, the Comet touched down at Heathfield Airport, London, this afternoon, two hours and nine minutes after leaving Rome.

Earlier today the Comet set up a new record for the London to Rome flight in two hours and two minutes, flying at 40,000 feet at an average speed of 480 miles an hour.

The flight was described by a De Havilland official as "a normal routine test flight" to check fuel consumption and performance.

The previous London-Rome record was held by Squadron Leader Neville Duke, who made the trip in 2 hrs. 30 mins. 58-2/3 secs in a Hawker Fury aircraft in May 1949.—Reuter.

## SAN MARINO ELECTION

San Marino, Mar. 16.—The pocket republic of San Marino, a 36-square mile sovereign state of 16,000 inhabitants, perched high in the Apennine Mountains, tonight elected two Chiefs of State for the next six months. Known as "the Most Excellent Captains Regent," Giuseppe Moretti and Primo Teddei represent the Social Communists, who won the elections of February 1949.

In accordance with the Constitution, two members of the 60-man Grand Council, or Parliament, are appointed every six months to act as Regents, wield the executive power.—Reuter.

## Dutch And Indonesian Ministers To Confer

The Hague, Mar. 16.—Two Dutch Cabinet Ministers are leaving here today by air for Indonesia to attend the first meeting of the Ministers of the Netherlands - Indonesian Union, which was set up during the round-table conference on Indonesia last winter.

They are Professor J.R.M. Van den Brink, Minister of Economic Affairs, and Mr. L. Goetz, Minister Without Portfolio assisting with Overseas Territories.

The two Ministers will form the vanguard of a strong Dutch delegation which will include Mr. Johannes Van Manneveen, Minister for Union and Realm Affairs, Professor Peter Liefdink, Finance Minister, and a number of economic and political experts.

An advance agenda for the conference is not being drawn up. Instead, both Governments have exchanged lists of problems facing the new union.

The Indonesian Government is expected to regard the future of New Guinea to be a priority subject for discussion. Other problems include the actual functioning of the Union and its Secretariat, economic and financial matters, joint diplomatic representation, problems arising from the withdrawal of the Dutch Army and the building up of an Indonesian Navy.

Spectacular results are not expected from the conference, which will be largely exploratory.

Many problems will almost certainly be handed over to commissions of experts for further study.—Reuter.

## Kuo Mo-jo Waxes Hot Over Ban

San Francisco, Mar. 16.—The Chinese Communist Vice-Premier, Kuo Mo-jo, has cabled to Mr. Clement Attlee a strong protest "on behalf of the peace-loving Chinese people" against the British Government's refusal to grant visas to the Soviet and Hungarian delegates of the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress, according to the Peking Radio.

Kuo, who is chairman of the Chinese Committee of the Congress, told the British Prime Minister: "This unjustified action completely runs counter to the desire of the British people for peace."

Peking Radio said Kuo sent two similar cables to the French and Dutch Premiers, but using stronger language.

Of M. Georges Bidault, he "demanded that this unjustified decision, which violates the interests of world peace, be immediately cancelled."

Mr. Wilhelm Drees was told that his act "completely exposes the criminal, bellicose policy being pursued by the Dutch Government."—United Press.

## GANG ATTACK IN ERITREA

Asmara, Mar. 16.—A Shifra gang, 25 strong, last night attacked a gold mine some 20 miles south of Asmara. The mine is owned by Signor Guido de Rossi, President of the Italian Eritrean Association, who is an active independenceist.

The gang set fire to installations and offices valued at 247,000.

The Shifra leader was reported to have said that he was an Ethiopian.

Six independenceists who failed to return to Asmara from Tekeban, 32 miles along the Kerena Road, after meeting the Commission, are presumed to have fallen into the hands of the Shifras.—Reuter.

## Alluring Feature



Corinne Calvet, French screen star of the picture "My Friend Irma Goes West," poses with a bust of herself sculptured by Judith Simmons of New York. The Manhattan sculptress believes that despite all the attention focussed on legs and figure, the area between the tip of the chin and the base of the neck remains one of the most alluring features of the body. (London Express Service).

## Ingrid Bergman's Husband Contests Suit For Child

Hollywood, Mar. 16.—Dr. Peter Lindstrom's lawyer charged today that film star Ingrid Bergman was "unfit" to have custody of their 12-year-old daughter. The attorney, Isaac Pacht, said Dr. Lindstrom would demand custody of the child, who "was apparently abandoned by Miss Bergman."

## India Checks Travellers From Tibet

New Delhi, Mar. 16.—The Foreign Ministry said today that the Government of India is tightening border controls to check unexplained "infiltration" of passportless travellers from Tibet.

The Deputy Minister, Mr. B. K. Keskar, said on the floor of Parliament that India was aware that infiltration had increased recently but added he was "not prepared to say for what reason."

He said it was impossible to estimate the number of illegal travellers accurately because mountain passes leading to India are too numerous to patrol thoroughly.

Military check posts were recently established in key Himalayan routes, and Mr. Keskar said India is taking "further steps to see that the situation will not deteriorate."

Tibetan traders traditionally do not need passports or visas to enter India but Mr. Keskar indicated that the Government believed that the present influx was not all traders.—United Press.

## DE GAULLE WELCOMES ARMS AID

Paris, Mar. 16.—General Charles de Gaulle today expressed the hope that United States help would be made available for Indo-China.

The General told a press conference: "I sincerely hope we shall get American aid for Indo-China, but it must be done through France. Otherwise it would be better to get no aid at all."

The General demanded "strategic autonomy" for France within the Atlantic Pact. He welcomed the aid being sent under the military aid programme but said: "The Atlantic Pact is essential and an indirect guarantee of our security, but the means so far made available for its application are disproportionately small."

"Nothing tells us what will be the role of France in the direction of Allied strategy in the event of war," he added. "The strategic autonomy I am thinking especially of aviation."—Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S REPLY TO RUMANIA

Bucharest, Mar. 16.—Britain has demanded that the Rumanian Charge d'Affaires in London shall cease his propaganda activity and suspend the publication of a Rumanian information bulletin, it was disclosed here today.

This, a counter-blast to Rumania's similar move against Britain, was made in a note from the British Embassy here to the Rumanian Foreign Ministry.

It protested against the Rumanian Government's recent demand for the closing of the British Information Office in Bucharest.

The Rumanian Government made its demand on March 2 "for the protection of Rumanian national interests." The Embassy closed its information Section 24 hours after the demand had been received.—Reuter.

## U.S. Economic Politics Lack Co-ordination

Washington, Mar. 16.—The State Department is leading a campaign for the United States to put its own economic house in order before the next Anglo-American dollar talks begin. This results from numerous foreign complaints that the United States fails to co-ordinate its economic politics and sometimes leaves European states caught in a squeeze.

The State Department is urging prompt creation of an inter-departmental committee to direct economic policies in the cold war. Its recommendation is at present before the Budget Bureau, and must win President Truman's approval before it can go into effect.

The State Department wants its representatives to work hand in glove with officials of the Treasury, Commerce, Agricultural and other departments in co-ordinating American policies.

For years, the Department has been expousing free trade among all countries of the world, and led two great tariff cutting conferences that affected 23 countries. But it discovered that some other agency thwarted its schemes.

For instance, the Department negotiated lower tariff rates on butter from Denmark and in return got tariff concessions on American goods going there. Denmark thought lower American tariff would allow Danish butter to be sold in the United States, but it did not work out that way. The Agriculture Department, as part of its support of farm prices, persuaded Congress to ban the importation of butter as long as it is surplus here. That will be a long time.

Denmark is complaining to the State Department with a view reference of skulluggery in Washington.

Australia and New Zealand also complained on similar grounds.

Britain has long disagreed with the United States businessmen on grounds that British goods get a bad chance in American markets regardless of what the State Department does or says. As a result, Britain's efforts at solving its dollar shortage at present are designed to reduce purchases of dollar goods such as oil and cotton pictures. Coupled with devaluation of the pound, this policy has brought results.

Britain's dollar shortage, helped by ECA contributions, has been narrowed, and the United States is somewhat alarmed that so much of this improvement has been made through a reduction of British buying.

The United States wants to see Britain balance its dollar account through increased exports to the United States. So American officials are talking more and more of "high level" trade. To get it—the United States will have to lower tariffs and quotas to allow Britain to sell more goods here.

That is the way Secretary of State Dean Acheson wants to solve the problem. And he wants other Government departments to help in the campaign.—United Press.

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